

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TUNIS 05009 170644Z

21

ACTION NSF-02

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 OES-06 ABF-01 FSE-00 AID-05 /025 W

----- 047942

R 161245Z JUL 76

FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3516

UNCLAS TUNIS 5009

PASS NSF FOR SELCUK, AID FOR TA/OST/ARNOLD

E.O. 11652: N/ TTOO QOC OSCI, TS

SUBJ: NSF/SFCP - ENIT GEOTECHNICAL LABORATORY

1. SHERIF AND ISHIBASHI ARRIVED TUNIS JULY 4 AS SCHEDULED AND HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH ENIT OFFICIALS TO PREPARE LOCATION FOR AND INSTALL RECENTLY ARRIVED EQUIPMENT. CORDIAL AND COLLABORATIVE ATMOSPHERE SEEMS TO PREVAIL, BUT MARAKCHI ANXIOUTLOO SEE SOME SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BEGIN. ENIT HAS ASSIGNED ONE STUDENT TO BEGIN WORKING WITH SHERIF. HE WILL LIKELY START RESEARCH PROJECT IN TUNIS AND TAKE COURSEWORK AT U. WASHINGTON ON SCHOLARSHIP LEADING TO MASTER'S.

2. EMB AND AID OFFICERS MET WITH SHERIF, MARAKCHI AND MOHAMED LATIRI ON JULY 15 TO DISCUSS ORDERING OF SECOND TRANCHE OF EQUIPMENT. TO COMPLETE ORIGINAL SHERIF LIST (AND JANESEK CONTRACT) WILL REQUIRE 70,000 TD. PRESENTLY AVAILABILITY FOR EQUIPMENT IS 50,000 TD (ENIT 30,000 TD COMPOSED OF 20,000 FROM GOT; 6,100 FROM AID GRANT; 5,400 TRANSFERRED FROM SALARIES COMPONENT OF 1ST YEAR NSF GRANT; AND NSF 20,000 TD NET, PER SHERIF/SELCUK TELECON). AGREED TO POSTPONE ACQUISITION OF DRILLING EQUIPMENT (AVAILABLE LOCALLY ON RENTAL BASIS) THUS REDUCING SECOND TRANCHE ORDER TO 40,500 TD. AGREED THEREFORE TO USE AID COMPONENT FROM ENIT (6,100 TD) TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR LAB BUT NOT INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL CONTRACT, E.G. VACUUM SYSTEM, DE-AIRING AND SATURATION SYSTEM AND VERTICAL COMPRESSION SYSTEM. THESE ARE STOCK ITEMS AND CAN BE ORDERED

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TUNIS 05009 170644Z

IMMEDIATELY USING AID DOLLAR FUNDS. DRILLING EQUIPMENT WILL

BE ORDERED SUBSEQUENTLY FROM THIRD YEAR NSF FUNDS.

3. SHERIF AND MOHAMED LATIRI ARE HOPEFUL SECOND TRANCHE ORDER
CAN BE PLACED BY SEPTEMBER 1, SO EQUIPMENT CAN ARRIVE TUNIS
BEFORE DECEMBER. SHERIF WILL RETURN IN DECEMBER TO INSTALL.
SHERIF/MARAKCHI SENDING PROGRESS REPORT/REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO
SELCUK IMMEDIATELY. WHEN NSF AUTHROIZES FUNDS FOR EQUIPMENT AS
OUTLINED PARA 2, PLEASE ADVISE BY CABLE.
MULCAHY

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 JUL 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976TUNIS05009
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760276-0204
From: TUNIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760748/aaaabqba.tel
Line Count: 70
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NSF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: KelleyW0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28 MAY 2004 by chengls>; APPROVED <06 DEC 2004 by KelleyW0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NSF/SFCP - ENIT GEOTECHNICAL LABORATORY
TAGS: TECH, TS
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006